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## REPORT.

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### SUMS OF MONEY RAISED BY TAXATION IN 1878.

State tax,	\$2,132.00
County tax,	2,668.57
For town expenses,	3,000.00
School tax,	1,865.50
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	\$9,666.07

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

1878.

Total amount of taxes committed to John P. Hubbard for collection,	\$10,649.87
Total amount received of him in cash, discounts, and abatements,	8,750.06
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Balance due,	\$1,899.81

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN, FROM MARCH, 1878, TO MARCH, 1879.

The Treasurer charges himself with the following receipts:

1878. To cash received.

March 15.	Of L. Gage, former treasurer,	\$54.89
25.	G. M. Dudley, on his collection of taxes, 1877,	262.39
25.	Royal Choate,	136.00
28.	Elisha E. Hoyt,	650.00

May	18.	Of Levi Hines,	\$2.58
	23.	G. M. Dudley, on his collection of taxes, 1877,	20.63
	31.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	194.00
June	3.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	100.00
	8.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	108.00
	13.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	94.36
	17.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	150.48
	19.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	150.00
	22.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	187.69
	25.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	171.53
	26.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	288.13
	28.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	223.66
July	1.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	3,894.74
	13.	F. L. Tucker, for brick,	.75
Aug.	3.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	50.00
	21.	Rebecca E. Burpee,	300.00
	26.	J. H. Murray, for license,	10.00
	31.	Elisha E. Hoyt,	300.00
Sept.	3.	J. B. Holt,	250.00
	5.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	107.13
	7.	William H. Hosmer,	1,300.00
	10.	Penacook Savings Bank,	588.72
	17.	H. M. Fisher, for old bridge plank,	7.50
	24.	G. M. Dudley, on his collection of taxes, 1877,	386.79
Oct.	9.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	153.78
Nov.	2.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	100.02

Nov.	5.	Of J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	\$100.00
	7.	J. B. Holt,	400.00
	16.	G. M. Dudley, on his collection of taxes, 1877,	515.50
	21.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	200.00
Dec.	2.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	156.20
	4.	State treasurer:	
		Railroad tax,	704.64
		Savings bank tax,	1,073.35
		Literary fund,	82.51
	6.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	100.00
	18.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	162.00
	23.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	352.02
1879.			
Jan.	11.	J. P. Hubbard, <sup>7</sup> <sub>21</sub> on his collection of taxes, 1878,	150.00
	18.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	130.40
Feb.	6.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	122.70
	8.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	140.00
	13.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	90.27
	19.	County, for aid of paupers,	163.01
	22.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	191.50
	26.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	146.86
	28.	Chas. E. Chadwick, license on dogs,	24.00
	28.	J. P. Hubbard, interest on taxes,	9.11
	28.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1878,	600.48
	28.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes, 1875,	10.00
	28.	G. M. Dudley, on his collection of taxes, 1877,	60.00



Feb. 28.	Of J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes of 1878,	\$115.00
	J. B. Holt, on note,	300.00
	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection of taxes of 1871,	108.00
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		\$16,451.31

The Treasurer discharges himself by payments made as follows, to wit,—On orders drawn by selectmen for 1878-'79, numbered from 1 to 182 inclusive, from March 20, 1878, to March 1, 1879, \$16,430.93

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, \$20.39

LUTHER GAGE,

*Town Treasurer.*

Boscawen, March 1, 1879.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### EXPENDITURES.

#### *Miscellaneous Bills.*

1878. Paid by order on the Treasurer :

March 23.	L. M. Chadwick, sheep killed by dogs,	\$20.50
	Royal Choate, " "	6.00
27.	Daniel Smith, " "	10.00
April 8.	George P. Titcomb, return of births,	.25
12.	E. C. Morse, digging graves,	4.00
26.	H. W. Greene, services on suit of Haley Bros.,	5.00
May 2.	H. Bonney, selectmen's expenses for 1877,	4.00
4.	P. M. Chadwick, damage crossing field, &c.,	12.00
31.	J. P. Hubbard, for printing,	1.63
June 7.	Blake Hose Co., for 100 feet of hose,	78.50
13.	Guy H. Hubbard, bounty on hawk,	.20
24.	Frank H. Gage, bounty on hawks,	.80
25.	S. A. Ambrose, damage to horse and wagon,	5.00
	John Silver, bounty on hawks,	.40
	George Ferren, bounty on hawk,	.20
26.	Richard Pevare, watering-trough,	3.00
27.	Moses E. Haynes, painting town hall,	7.21
29.	T. O. Wilson, work on lobby,	13.62



July	1.	Precinct committee,	\$65.00
		I. K. Gage, services on the line between Canterbury and Boscawen,	6.25
	9.	Evans & Gale, paints and oil,	19.49
	25.	E. C. Morse, digging graves,	4.00
		C. C. Pearson & Co., printing town reports,	33.00
Aug.	16.	Gust Walker, locks for lobby,	1.55
	17.	F. W. Wadlin, bounty on hawk,	.20
Sept.	4.	Chas. P. Ordway, bounty on hawk,	.20
	9.	C. H. Rogers, bounty on hawk,	.20
		S. K. Evans, bounty on hawk,	.20
	30.	M. J. Raymond, damage to house on account of defective sewers,	25.00
Oct.	10.	E. C. Morse, digging graves,	4.00
	14.	S. K. Evans, expense on fence near engine house,	8.24
	17.	I. K. Gage, precinct committee,	75.00
	23.	E. E. Graves, return of births and deaths,	2.25
Nov.	13.	Morrill & Silsby, books, &c.,	23.16
	19.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, water-trough at plain,	20.00
		N. S. Webster, bounty on hawks,	.40
		Chas. P. Ordway, “	.20
		A. W. Knowlton, “	.20
		S. H. Evans, “	.20
		N. Danforth, “	.20
	26.	N. S. Webster, watering-trough,	3.00
Dec.	7.	Geo. E. Kimball, wood, &c., for engine-house,	8.49
	16.	R. S. Prichard, digging grave,	3.50
	21.	S. J. Dowling, damage crossing farm,	3.00
	24.	E. M. and A. W. Rolfe, repairing doors at town hall,	2.00
1879.			
Jan.	8.	Precinct committee,	75.00
	11.	C. W. Hardy, bounty paid on hawks,	.80
Feb.	8.	Torrent Engine Co., pay-roll,	250.00
	11.	Gage, Porter & Co., nails, paper, and expense,	2.55
		Isaac K. Gage, watering-trough,	3.00
	12.	M. L. Dodge and sisters, watering-trough,	3.00
	13.	Harvey Knight, return of births,	1.50
	22.	Joseph Chandler, books for poor,	2.80
		W. C. Marden, watering-trough,	1.50
		Chas. E. Chadwick, books for poor,	4.50
	24.	N. Butler, legal services,	18.16

Feb.	24.	Hosea B. Carter, printing check-lists,	\$9.00
	25.	John E. Rines, watering-trough,	3.00
		John E. Rines, putting up guide-boards,	2.00
	26.	James H. Gill, care of town hall,	7.00
	27.	Copying inventory, and expense, for town,	17.20
	28.	Sarah D. Cram, damage to wagon,	3.00
		Lee T. Boyce, sheep killed by dogs,	10.00
		A. G. Kimball, sheep killed by dogs,	51.67
		J. P. Hubbard, discount on taxes prior to July 1, 1878,	292.77
		Luther Gage, selectmen's expenses,	21.50
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			\$1,261.19

*Road and Bridges.*

1878.

March	28.	D. Arthur Brown & Co., iron rods, &c.,	\$17.41
		Frank Peverly, lighting bridge,	19.25
June	1.	N. S. Webster, expense on highway in 1875,	1.20
	24.	Charles G. Davis, guide-board,	.75
		C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, plank,	8.80
	25.	C. W. Hardy, labor on highway,	14.00
		E. B. Atkinson, labor on highway,	2.00
July	2.	F. L. Burbank & Son, plank,	58.45
	26.	Geo. S. Morrill, services surveying,	14.25
Sept.	20.	Samuel Choate, expense on bridge,	24.50
		E. G. Wood, labor and lumber on bridge,	30.50
	23.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, plank,	11.27
Oct.	1.	F. L. Burbank & Son, lumber for bridge,	6.91
	4.	Frank Peverly, lighting bridge,	16.00
	12.	F. L. Burbank & Son, lumber for bridge,	48.34
		E. B. Atkinson, cutting bushes on highway,	9.00
Nov.	8.	Geo. C. Howser, work on bridge,	12.25
	11.	Moses H. Bean, use of derrick,	6.00
	13.	F. L. Burbank & Son, plank,	5.58
	18.	Stephen Wiggin, work on Canterbury bridge,	3.00
	29.	Town of Canterbury, work on bridge,	8.53
Dec.	7.	W. D. Howser, labor and plank on bridge,	15.96
	21.	F. P. Foster, work on bridge,	1.50
	24.	Richard Pevare, labor on road and bridge,	56.75
	28.	Charles M. Howser, labor on highway,	7.00
		Peter M. Chadwick, work on highway,	1.25

1879.

Jan.	11.	C. C. Hall, expense and lumber on road in 1877-'78,	\$55.40
		C. W. Hardy, work on highway,	1.00
	18.	H. W. Flanders, plank,	5.65
		Calvin Gage, work on culvert and bridge,	17.50
Feb.	12.	Joseph Eastman, lumber for bridge,	16.54
	15.	James V. Smith, labor on Baker's bridge,	7.79
	17.	Wm. B. Burpee, labor on highway,	1.29
		George W. Fisher, breaking roads,	2.34
	22.	George Knowles, labor on road and bridge,	33.84
		H. L. Ferrin, damage crossing field, and labor on highway,	5.75
		E. B. Atkinson, breaking roads,	22.92
		W. C. Marden, labor on highway,	3.95
		George H. Gitchell, labor on highway and bridge,	18.36
	27.	C. & J. C. Gage, lumber, land damage, and grade for highway,	22.09
		Hervey Atkinson, breaking roads,	1.95
	28.	J. F. Colby, labor on highway,	3.25
		F. N. Pevare, breaking roads,	6.00
		T. G. Meader, labor and expense on highway,	16.42
		E. W. Durgin, work for bridge and use of scraper,	2.90
		M. K. Howser, labor on roads and bridges,	46.00
		Ira S. Towle, labor on bridge,	4.50
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			\$695.89

*Support of Paupers.*

1878.

March	20.	W. C. Marden, board of Mrs. A. Scribner,	\$10.00
	26.	Foote & Gage, aid to Henry Bushway,	17.99
		William Smart,	20.25
		Jane Patterson,	11.64
		John Hanson, Jr.,	24.00
		Christopher Ledwidge, aid to tramps,	18.75
April	19.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to C. H. Rogers,	5.89
		William Smart,	8.00
		J. Hanson, Jr.,	8.00
		Jane Patterson,	7.80
		Henry Bushway,	8.50
		wood, &c., for lobby,	2.58

June	25.	A. G. Kimball, aid to tramps,	\$16.56
	27.	Harvey Knight, aid to Wm. Smart,	1.50
July	2.	C. W. Hardy, aid to Frank J. Plumer,	5.00
	30.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to C. H. Rogers,	28.84
		F. J. Plumer,	23.00
Aug.	2.	Ira Sweatt, aid to J. Hanson, Jr.,	21.33
	26.	M. K. Howser, aid to tramps,	21.35
Oct.	9.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	22.70
	23.	E. E. Graves, aid to Mrs. A. Scribner,	4.00
		J. Hanson, Jr.,	2.00
	24.	J. A. Coburn, aid to N. Greenwood,	6.50
Dec.	7.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	15.00
		N. G. Danforth,	10.49
1879.			
Feb.	4.	Isaac K. Gage, aid to Mrs. Holt,	1.75
		Joseph Laville,	4.35
	10.	George E. Kimball, aid to R. Ingham,	9.98
	13.	Harvey Knight, aid to Jane Patterson,	6.75
	22.	Charles W. Hardy, aid to F. J. Plumer,	.75
	25.	A. G. Kimball, aid to tramps,	1.04
	27.	George E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	30.00
	28.	E. E. Graves, " " "	15.90
		Harvey Knight, aid to J. Hanson, Jr.,	1.50
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			\$392.80

*Schools and School-Houses.*

1878.			
May	30.	Pevare & Howser, repairs, Dist. No. 5,	\$55.00
June	10.	Chas. E. Chadwick, prud. com., " 1,	100.00
	22.	Henry C. Wade, " " 2,	43.00
	27.	Joseph Chandler, " " 7,	250.00
	28.	Henry Coffin, " " 6,	50.00
	29.	Freeman L. Swetland, " " 5,	80.00
July	2.	H. W. Flanders, " " 3,	138.00
	6.	Charles E. Chadwick, " " 1,	150.00
Sept.	10.	Royal Choate, Jr., " " 4,	5.00
Oct.	2.	Freeman L. Swetland, " " 5,	35.00
	5.	Henry C. Wade, " " 2,	7.00
	9.	H. W. Flanders, " " 3,	118.00
	19.	Joseph Chandler, " " 7,	50.00
Nov.	7.	Joseph Chandler, " " 7,	250.00
Dec.	3.	Freeman L. Swetland, " " 5,	37.00



Dec. 1879.	7.	Royal Choate, Jr., prud. com., Dist. No. 4,	\$10.00
Jan.	10.	Henry Coffin, " " 6,	84.00
	11.	Henry C. Wade, " " 2,	40.00
Feb.	22.	Charles E. Chadwick, " " 1,	169.00
	25.	Royal Choate, Jr., " " 4,	103.00
	25.	Joseph Chandler, " " 7,	602.00
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			\$2,376.00

*Payment of Bonds, Notes, and Interest.*

1878.			
July.		Sarah Pillsbury,	\$800.00
		William H. Hosmer,	200.00
		Coupons of \$5,000 of bonds at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. premium,	301.49
1878.			
April	17.	New Hampshire Saving Bank, note,	500.00
May	7.	Penacook Savings Bank, note,	350.00
July	16.	Penacook Savings Bank, notes,	1,500.00
	26.	Elisha E. Hoyt, note and interest,	663.00
	27.	John Clement, " " 249.97	
	27.	Susan F. Clement, " " 54.34	
Sept.	2.	Penacook Savings Bank, note,	400.00
Dec.	4.	" " " 600.00	
	20.	Rebecca E. Burpee, note and interest,	305.95
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			\$5,924.75

*State and County Taxes.*

1878.			
Sept.	10.	County tax,	\$2,668.57
Dec.	4.	State tax,	2,132.00
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			\$4,800.57

*Abatement of Taxes.*

1879.			
Feb.	28.	G. M. Dudley, list of 1877,	\$23.52
	28.	J. P. Hubbard, list of 1871,	108.00
	28.	" " 1878,	122.58
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			\$254.10

*Non-Resident Highway Taxes Worked Out.*

1878.

March 23.	George H. Gitchell, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	\$16.63
June 25.	Edwin B. Atkinson, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	2.12
26.	Richard Pevare, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	25.75
28.	Henry Coffin, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	3.50
29.	William B. Burpee, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	26.13
29.	Nathan Colby, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	8.94
July 1.	J. P. Hubbard, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	27.87
Aug. 7.	John F. Colby, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	3.31
17.	George W. Fisher, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	3.01
Sept. 20.	Samuel Choate, for sundry persons, taxes of 1877,	13.37
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		\$130.63

*Town Officers.*

1879.

Jan. 11.	C. C. Hall, services as selectman,	\$5.00
Feb. 24.	W. A. Huntress, police services,	5.00
25.	A. G. Kimball, police services,	10.00
	W. S. Muzzey, police services,	5.00
	J. P. Hubbard, police services,	10.00
	J. P. Hubbard, collector,	100.00
27.	J. C. Gage, services as selectman,	5.00
28.	Chas. E. Chadwick, services town-clerk,	40.00
	C. W. Hardy, services selectman and overseer of poor,	50.00
	M. K. Howser, services selectman and overseer of poor,	100.00
	Luther Gage, services selectmen and overseer of poor,	140.00
	Luther Gage, treasurer,	50.00
	John C. Pearsons, sup't school committee,	75.00
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		\$595.00

*Recapitulation.*

Miscellaneous bills,	\$1,261.19
Roads and bridges,	695.89
Support of paupers,	392.80
Schools and school-houses,	2,376.00
Bonds, notes, and interest,	5,924.75
State and county taxes,	4,800.57
Abatement of taxes,	254.10
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	130.63
Town officers,	595.00
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	\$16,430.93

*Town Liabilities.*

Debt of town March 1, 1879, in bonds,	\$4,000.00
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1879,	160.00
School district, No. 7,	196.12
Royal Choate, notes and interest to March 1, 1879,	143.59
E. E. Hoyt, note and interest to March 1, 1879,	308.85
J. B. Holt, notes and interest to March 1, 1879,	964.99
W. H. Hosmer, note and interest to March 1, 1879,	1,337.05
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	\$7,110.60

*Assets.*

Due on J. P. Hubbard's collection for 1874,	\$62.97
J. P. Hubbard's " 1875,	427.07
G. M. Dudley's " 1876,	1,275.93
G. M. Dudley's " 1877,	2,016.70
J. P. Hubbard's " 1878,	1,899.81
note against E. G. Wood,	70.40
Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	20.39
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	\$5,773.27
Liabilities,	\$7,110.60
Assets,	\$5,773.27
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Balance against the town, \$1,337.33

LUTHER GAGE,  
CHARLES W. HARDY,  
MARCUS K. HOWSER,

*Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Boscawen.*

The undersigned, auditors of the accounts of the treasurer and selectmen of the town of Boscawen for the year 1878-'9, report that they have examined said accounts, and find the receipts to have been, from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879, \$16,451.32, and the disbursements to have been \$16,430.93, the accounts of which are properly vouched and correctly cast, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of 20.39.

N. BUTLER,  
J. P. HUBBARD,  
*Auditors.*



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### DISTRICT No. 1 (*Plain*).

C. E. Chadwick, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$319.

Summer term—Miss Helen M. Putney, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30; length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 21; number of visits by parents and citizens, 16.

*\*Roll of Honor.* Nellie J. Chadwick, Mary E. Hawley, Lizzie S. Johnson.

The teacher labored earnestly and faithfully, and the term was profitable. Miss Putney is one of our best teachers.

Winter term—Miss Julia F. Wood, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$32; length of term, 14 weeks; number of scholars, 27. No parent has visited the school-room during the term.

*Roll of Honor.* Julia James.

Miss Wood has fully sustained her reputation as a successful teacher. The school is still in session, and doing good work.

### DISTRICT No. 2 (*North Water Street*).

Henry C. Wade, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$90.

Summer term—Miss Helen M. Kilburn, teacher. Wages of

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\* The Roll of Honor contains the names of those scholars who have not been absent or tardy during the term.

teacher per month, including board, not given in register; length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4.95; number of visits by parents and citizens, 5.

*Roll of Honor.* Victory A. George, Sadie E. Wood, Preston W. Champion.

This was Miss Kilburn's first term as teacher, and she seemed as earnest and conscientious in her work as she would had the number of scholars been much larger. The appearance of the school was good.

Winter term—Miss Carrie M. Montgomery, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20; length of term in weeks, 7; number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 6; number of visits by parents and citizens, 8.

*Roll of Honor.* Sadie E. Wood.

Miss Montgomery came well recommended as a successful teacher, and the result was a good school.

#### DISTRICT No. 3 (*Gulf*).

H. W. Flanders, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$236.

Summer term—Miss Sarah E. Coffin, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24; length of term in weeks, 10; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 15+; number of visits by parents and citizens, 8.

*Roll of Honor.* Madeline L. Green.

Fall term—Miss Julia F. Wood, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24; number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 18; number of visits by parents and citizens, 10.

*Roll of Honor.* Marion H. Seavy, Jessie P. Raymond, Lucy May Raymond.

Winter term—Mr. A. F. Burbank, teacher. Length of term in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per month, \$36; number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 19; number of visits by parents and citizens, 6.

The register does not show a single name of scholar free from marks of absence or tardiness.

These are all teachers of experience and reputation, and all gave their best efforts for the good of their schools. Some progress has been made, but the progress would have been far greater had there been more promptness in attendance on the part of the scholars. Only eleven scholars were present at the examination at the close of the winter term.

#### DISTRICT No. 4 (*High Street*).

Royal Choate, Jr., Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$118.

Winter term,—the only one during the year,—Mr. J. H. Caldwell, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30; length of term in weeks, 13; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 3. No visit by parents or citizens is recorded.

*Roll of Honor.* Mary H. Choate, Lizzie M. Choate.

Mr. Caldwell came to the school without experience as a teacher, but gave satisfaction to all who continued under his charge during the term. There is a law on our statute-books obliging every child, between the ages of eight and fourteen years, to attend school at least *twelve* weeks during the year, unless such child shall, from sickness or other good reason shown, be excused.

#### DISTRICT No. 5 (*North Boscawen*).

Freeman L. Swetland, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$136.

Summer term—Miss Minnie L. Morse, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$21; length of term, in weeks, 8; number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 22; number of visits by parents and citizens, 13.

*Roll of Honor.* Emma C. Eastman, Hattie F. Houser, Nellie J. Swetland, Horace Swetland, George H. Swetland. Miss Morse was the teacher of the fall term of last year, and fully sustained the good reputation she then gained.

Fall term—Miss Mattie L. Sawyer, teacher. Length of term,

16 weeks, with one week vacation at the end of the eighth; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$21; number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 17; number of visits by parents and citizens, 5.

This was Miss Sawyer's first attempt at teaching, and, so far as we could judge, she acquitted herself creditably.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6 (*South Water Street*).

Henry Coffin, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$134.

Summer term—Miss Esther D. Gill, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20; length of term, in weeks, 10; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 16; number of visits by parents and citizens, 15.

*Roll of Honor.* Minnie Atkinson, Kate A. Chadwick, Ava A. Griffin, George F. Fisher. "The only term of school ever taught in this district with which no one found fault," was the remark of a resident of the place.

Winter term—M. Annie Fiske, teacher. The school appeared well at the first and only visit made by the committee early in the term; but it closed abruptly at the commencement of the tenth week, by reason of the teacher declining to remain longer.

The services of Miss Fannie E. Sawyer were secured to complete the term, which at this date is in session, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7 (*Fisherville*).

Joseph Chandler, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$1152.

There have been three terms during the year in each of the schools in this district. Miss Ella F. Stone has had charge of the primary school for the year, completing her twenty-third successive term in this school, having well sustained her reputation as a teacher.



Summer term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 47; average attendance, 42; number of visits by parents and citizens, 8.

Fall term, 12 weeks; average attendance, 39; number of visits by parents and citizens, 12.

Winter term, 12 weeks; average attendance, 33; wages of teacher per month, for the year, including board, \$33.33; number of visits by parents and citizens, 30.

*Roll of Honor.* Martha Burpee, 2 terms; Maud Danforth, 2 terms; Mary Duffy, 2 terms; Fannie Gleason, 2 terms; Mary Ledwedge, 2 terms; Mabel Sargent, 2 terms; Ada Smith, 2 terms; John Spearman, 2 terms; Carl Couch, 2 terms; Peter Bushway, Mary Foley, Jessie Garretson, Lizzie Gleason, Eddie Gage, George Hayes, Ella Hileman, John Hoey, Harry Jones, Willie Mann, Arthur Sanborn, Otis Smart, Allie Sweatt, Harlow Rolfe, Mary Rolfe, Walter Williman, Louisa Lord.

Grammar department, summer term—John M. French, teacher. Length of term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$51; number of scholars, 39; average attendance, 36+; number of visits by parents and citizens, 30.

Mr. French is a graduate of the State Normal School; and it was very evident, from the appearance of this school, that the teacher was thoroughly qualified for the place. The term was profitable to all concerned.

The fall term, of 12 weeks, was taught by Mr. C. M. Sargent, of Bates college. The register has not been returned.

The winter term, of 12 weeks, was taught by Mr. G. E. Long, of Dartmouth college. Length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$56; number of scholars, 44. Only one parent visited the school during the term, until the examination at the close, when a good number was present. Mr. Long is a teacher of experience, and evidently was "master of the situation." The term was profitable in many respects.

*Roll of Honor.* Gracie Boyce, 2 terms; Arthur Burpee, Mary Chadwick, Maggie Duffy, Mary Howe, 2 terms; Carl Howe, Florence Garretson, Jonathan Chadwick, Bertie Wiggin, Etha Sargent.

Measured by the usual standard, these schools have been in a fair degree successful,—no cases of absolute failure, and none coming up to that degree of excellence which we should reasonably expect and desire, were all the conditions necessary to a profitable educational system complied with. The inquiry will arise here as to where the responsibility rests. The answer is, Primarily with the parents and guardians of the scholars. We cannot well find fault with the school laws, though they may be much improved; but we must look nearer home for the remedy for many of the evils which now so seriously interfere with the success of common-schools. Absence without excuse, tardiness, truancy, and lack of interest are mainly due to the parents, who too often know very little of what their children are doing in school, and seem to care less. There should be a radical change here. Parents should visit the school-room often, and see for themselves what the teacher and the scholars are doing.

Many a mistake, and often failure, could have been avoided by a word of advice or encouragement. The influence on teacher and scholars, from such manifest interest, would be very great. The motto in securing teachers should be to "get the best," and those are cheap at any reasonable price. Teachers should be more thoroughly qualified, not, perhaps, in the higher branches, for those do not *belong* in the common-school, but qualified by having in store a stock of general information on all subjects and topics which belong in these schools. A historical fact, an anecdote, or a practical application of a principle, often serves to fix facts and help the scholar to remember, when otherwise the result would be far different. Teachers, as a rule, confine themselves too closely to the text-books. Teachers are entitled to, and should receive, the cordial support and help of every parent and guardian in the districts where they may be engaged. Children are unconscious copyists; and we too often lose sight of the fact that the silent influence of a teacher on these young minds is very great. We *must* have the men and the women whom nature as well as training has made teachers; we *must* have the heads and the hearts that are not found wherever we seek

them: we must have the *personal force*, which is beyond all other forces in earth as well as in heaven. Only persons of *character* and *education* should be employed in primary instruction.

There is need of more system in the use of text-books; and only such as may be introduced in the manner prescribed by law, should be allowed. Some progress has been made on this line during the last two years, Harvey's series of Readers and Harper's Geographies having been adopted and introduced into nearly all the schools. A fine map from official surveys of New Hampshire has been purchased by each district. A suggestion was made in the last report that there was a want of books of reference, dictionaries, and globes in the schools. One district, No. 6, has purchased a copy of Webster's Dictionary; otherwise, the want still exists, and should be attended to. A globe and a dictionary are essentials in the school-room.

These, in brief, are a few of the wants and ills from which our schools are suffering. Now, can we afford to linger in this way, when, by the use of means already provided, and the expenditure of a little time and effort, the benefit could be largely increased? An education such as may be had in these schools is not only desirable, but is a necessity to a young person who expects to have influence in the world.

Parents, remember that the world has moved since you were young, and what was then considered a good education, and was acquired only by the few, is now almost universal in New England. The leaders in society, the prominent ones in business, must have something more now. You can leave no legacy to your children so valuable as a good education, which will open wide to them the doors to all wealth and honor and prosperity, and without which they will always feel cramped, and often excluded from the highest degree of success.

J. C. PEARSON, *School Committee.*







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